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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-005671

Dear Mr. Cmar:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the agency on April 03, 2017.

Today, we are providing you with Interim 2, which includes three PowerPoint briefing documents dated March 13, 2017; May 23, 2017; and June 16, 2017. These documents include 63 pages total of releasable records generated from a review of non-email electronically stored information. We determined that portions of these documents should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which protects information that is subject to the deliberative-process and attorney-client privileges. The portions of these documents that have been withheld under Exemption 5 consist of internal, pre-decisional, and deliberative communications that would harm agency decision-making if released and/or confidential communications between an agency attorney and client concerning legal advice. You can access the responsive records through your FOIAonline account.

We are continuing to process records responsive to your request. If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Anthony Sun of the U.S. Department of Justice at Anthony.Sun@usdoj.gov or (212) 637-2810.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Wood, Director

Engineering and Analysis Division

Enclosures:

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